

a) the display unit is divided into symbol fields (2, 3, 4, 5, 5
6) arranged one next to the other in a row, the control unit 6
controlling said display unit to display one pictogram in 7
each symbol field simultaneously, 8

the control unit displays in a specific symbol field (2) 9
each new pictogram which is to be displayed in the symbol 10
fields (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) and displaces the pictograms which 11
have already been displayed by one symbol field, without 12
changing their order, the device further comprising 13

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a control element (13) for controlling display of a coherent 14
section of the pictograms which are displayable in the 15
symbol fields of the display unit if a number of pictograms 16
to be displayed simultaneously exceeds a number of symbol 17
fields on the display unit. 18

Claim 2 is presented without amendment as a courtesy to the
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2. The device as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the control unit fades in a visual character (14, 15) on
the display unit after a pictogram has been displaced out of the
visible region of the display unit.

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3. (Twice amended) The device as claimed
in claim 1, further comprising

a) a timer started by the control unit when an instruction to delete a pictogram is received,
wherein, the control unit displays a pictogram which is to be deleted, for a retention time determined by the timer in that symbol field (2) provided for each pictogram which is to be newly displayed, and
after the retention time has expired, the control unit removes the pictogram which is to be deleted.

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cont. 4. (Twice amended) The device as claimed
in claim 1, wherein the control element (13) is at least one of a rotary actuator, a slide, a momentary-contact switch, or a combination thereof.

5. (Twice amended) The device as claimed
in claim 1, further comprising an audible signal transmitter controlled by the control unit for outputting an audible signal if a new pictogram is displayed or a pictogram is to be deleted from the display unit.

6. (Twice amended) A method for
displaying pictograms with a device arranged in a vehicle, the
device comprising a control unit and a display unit, in
particular a liquid crystal display, controlled by the control
unit, the method comprising the steps of

- a) displaying the pictograms in symbol fields (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) of the display unit, the symbol fields (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) being arranged one next to the other to form a row of symbol fields,
- b) displaying each pictogram which is to be newly displayed in a specific symbol field (2) of the row of symbol fields until a pictogram with a more recent time priority is to be displayed,
- c) displacing all the pictograms which have already been displayed in the row of symbol fields by one symbol field when a new pictogram is displayed,
- d) expanding the row of symbol fields (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) visible on the display unit at least one of start and end of said row in virtual fashion by invisible symbol fields (7, 8, 9, 10), for displacing pictograms onto these invisible symbol fields (7, 8, 9, 10) if a number of pictograms to be displayed exceeds a number of symbol fields (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) visible on the display unit, wherein a section of pictograms arranged in the visible symbol fields can be displayed on the display unit by a control element (13), wherein said control element (13) is able to displace the row of symbol fields.

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7. (Twice amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein a pictogram to be deleted is removed from its location in the row of symbol fields thereby creating a gap in the row of symbol fields and is displayed in a symbol field (2) which is provided for each pictogram to be newly displayed, said

pictograms located next to said symbol field (2) are displaced by one symbol field until the gap in said row of symbol fields produced by the removal of the pictogram which is to be deleted is closed again.

8. (Twice amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the viewing of a pictogram to be deleted can be acknowledged by activating the control element (13) causing the pictogram to be deleted to be immediately removed from the row of symbol fields.

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9. (Twice amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the control unit reverses a preceding displacement of the row of symbol fields, whereby the pictograms last displayed are displayed on the symbol fields (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) which are visible in the display unit, together with that pictogram whose message has been canceled, if, at the time when a message was canceled, the pictograms of the latest messages were not represented in visible symbol fields in the active area of the display unit because the control element (13) had been activated.

10. (Twice amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein a pictogram which is to be deleted is displayed in the symbol field (2) which is provided in the row of

symbol fields for displaying each pictogram to be newly displayed is marked so as to be distinguishable from the other pictograms.

11. (Twice amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the marking of a pictogram to be deleted comprises inverting a filling-in color and/or background color thereof.

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incl* 12. (Twice amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the marking of a pictogram to be deleted comprises at least one of outlining the symbol field or putting a bar through the pictogram.

13. (Twice amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the control unit closes the gap in the row of symbol fields produced as a result of the deletion of a pictogram by allowing all the pictograms having an older time priority to move on by one symbol field.

a³ 14. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the control unit reverses a preceding displacement of the row of symbol fields, whereby the pictograms last displayed are displayed on the symbol fields (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) which are visible in the display unit, together with that pictogram whose message has been canceled, if, at the time when a

message was canceled, the pictograms of the latest messages were not represented in visible symbol fields in the active area of the display unit, because the control element (13) had been activated.
